<u>Claims</u>

1. Method for the production of mineral wool during which, based on a viscous mineral melt containing silicon and metal oxides, fibers are produced woolen that are further processed to obtain а non-woven. teri Z d i t h h а r а е n a spent aluminum silicate catalyst material having a content of at least 35 % by weight of aluminum oxide is added to the mineral melt.

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- 2. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the aluminum silicate catalyst material added contains at least 40 % by weight of aluminum oxide and at least 40 % by weight of silicon oxide.
 - 3. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the aluminum silicate catalyst material added contains up to 5 % by weight of magnesium oxide.
- 15 4. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the aluminum silicate catalyst material added contains up to 1 % by weight of titanium oxide.
 - 5. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the aluminum silicate catalyst material added contains up to 5 % by weight of sodium and/or potassium oxide.
 - 6. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the aluminum silicate catalyst material added contains up to 5 % by weight of rare earth oxides, particularly lanthanum oxide.

- 7. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the aluminum silicate catalyst material added is a synthetic zeolite powder.
- 8. The method according to claim 7, characterized in that the zeolite powder is subjected to a calcination pre-treatment before it is added to the mineral melt.

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- 9. The method according to claim 7, characterized in that the particle size of the zeolite powder is below 100 μ m.
- 10. The method according to claim 7, characterized in that the zeolite powder contains zeolite of types A, X, Y or ZSM.
- 11. Use of powder-type cracking catalyst having an aluminum oxide content of at least 35 % by weight as base material or aggregate for the production of mineral wool.